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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An Internet-based automatic purchasing method performed on at least one server connected to the ~~internet~~Internet, comprising:
 - inputting a notice of tender by a buyer on a server at a purchasing site, the notice including purchasable items;
 - applying for a new registration by at least one company desiring to join the tender;
 - ~~automatically~~ screening the at least one company to determine whether the at least one company applying for a new registration satisfy a certain condition set in advance;
 - registering the at least one company as cooperation companies when the companies satisfy the certain condition set in advance;
 - sending a request for quote to the cooperation companies;
 - sending bids to the purchasing site by the cooperation companies in response to the request for quote; and
 - selecting a selected cooperation company to supply the purchasable items by automatically screening the registered cooperation ~~companies~~companies,

wherein the screening, the registering, the sending the request, and the selecting
are all performed automatically by the at least one server.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one company applying for the new registration inputs information on the purchasing site, the inputted information comprising information related to a “business registration number”, an “establishment date”, a “certification quality standard”, a “business type”, a “representative name”, a “capital”, a main product, or a present employee state.

4. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing method according to claim 1, wherein the screening comprises:

determining whether the bids satisfy certain conditions.

5. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing method according to claim 1, further comprising an ordering process comprising:

determining whether the selected cooperation company satisfies a certain condition by performing a certification test about a desired item; and

ordering the desired item from the selected cooperation company which passed the certification test.

6. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing method according to claim 1, wherein the selected cooperation company is primarily selected by quotation price offered by the cooperation companies included in the bid.

7. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said servers is operatively connected to an external database for providing information to the cooperation companies, and an internal database for managing the information about the cooperation companies.

8. (Previously Presented) An Internet-based automatic purchasing system, comprising:

a web server, the web server including a program for controlling the system's operations, the operations including notice of tender operations and ordering operations;

an internal database, the internal database providing information related to purchases; and

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an external database, the external database providing information to cooperation companies.

9. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing system according to claim 8, wherein the internal database stores confidential information.

10. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing system according to claim 8, wherein the internal database performs operations related to purchases by passing through a database server.

11. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing system according to claim 8, wherein the external database provides information to the cooperation companies by passing through a database server.

12. (Previously Presented) The automatic purchasing system according to claim 8, wherein the information related to the purchases comprise at least one of a purchase principal, a purchase procedure, a purchase item, a purchase inquiry, a company introduction, a cooperation company registration and a quotation transmission.

13. (Previously Presented) An Internet-based joint purchasing system, comprising:
a plurality of region terminals for inputting order information about a purchase item required by a plurality of companies in a prescribed region;
a plurality of region servers for combining and storing the order information from the plurality of region terminals about the purchase item and transmitting the combined order information through a communication network; and
a main server, the main server receiving the combined order information about the purchase item transmitted from the region servers and performing a notice of tender for a joint purchasable item through the Internet to cooperation companies.

14. (Previously Presented) The joint purchasing system according to claim 13, wherein the joint purchasing system further comprises a parts information database for providing the information related to the purchasable items stored in advance to the cooperation companies through the main server.

15. (Previously Presented) The joint purchasing system according to claim 13, wherein the main server performs the notice of tender privately when the item is not purchasable jointly.

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16. (Currently amended) An Internet-based joint purchasing method, comprising:
 inputting a plurality of orders for an item to purchase;
 transmitting the inputted orders to a main server; and
 performing a notice of tender for the item, wherein the plurality of orders are
jointly tendered in the notice of tender to a plurality of cooperation companies through the
internetInternet.

17. (Previously Presented) The joint purchasing method according to claim 16,
wherein the performing of the notice of tender further comprises performing a notice of tender
privately when the item is not purchasable jointly.

18. (Previously Presented) The joint purchasing method according to claim 16,
wherein the orders are separately inputted from each company.

19. (Previously Presented) The joint purchasing method according to claim 16,
wherein prior to the transmitting of the inputted orders to the main server, the inputted orders
are stored on a corresponding region server.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of matching vendors to buyers through a network, comprising:

- identifying whether vendors satisfy minimum attributes set by a buyer;
- registering the vendors that satisfy the minimum attributes;
- identifying the buyer's vendor selection criteria;
- notifying the vendors of the vendor selection criteria;
- accepting bids from the vendors; and
- selecting, by the buyer, a selected vendor from the vendors that satisfy the minimum attributes according to one or more of the vendor selection criteria.

21. (Original) The method of matching vendors to buyers through a network according to claim 20, wherein the selection criteria comprises geographic region, business type or price.

22. (Original) The method of matching vendors to buyers through a network according to claim 20, further comprising notifying the selected vendor of having been selected.

23. (Original) The method of matching vendors to buyers through a network according to claim 22, wherein the notification is through one of e-mail, file transfer protocol, integration technology, DCOM, XML, CORBA, HTTP, wireless devices or instant messaging.

24. (Original) The method of matching vendors to buyers through a network according to claim 20, wherein the buyer provides the vendor selection criteria and a database stores registered vendors that satisfy minimum attributes.

25. (Original) The method of matching vendors to buyers through a network according to claim 24, wherein the buyer is prompted to input selection criteria through one or more capture forms.

26. (Previously Presented) A network based sales generation system, comprising:
a spatial location engine to determine criteria of a buyer and attributes of a plurality of vendors;
a registering unit to register vendors which satisfy set minimum attributes;
a database containing information regarding the registered vendors;
an analyzing unit to collect selection criteria from the buyer; and

an engine to automatically select a qualified vendor for the buyer based on the database information and the selection criteria.

27. (Original) The network based sales generation system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the registering unit comprises a dynamically generated application form to be completed by a vendor and compared to the set minimum attributes and stored in the database if the vendor meets or exceeds the minimum attributes.

28. (Original) The network based sales generation system as claimed in claim 26, further comprising:

a vendor notification unit to notify registered vendors of selection criteria entered by the buyer; and

a bid accepting unit to receive bids from the registered vendors, wherein the bids are stored in the database, wherein one of the bids and the selection criteria are capable of being jointly tendered by a plurality of cooperating parties.

29. (Original) The network based sales generation system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the analyzing unit comprises a dynamically generated application form to be completed by the buyer and submitted to the engine, wherein the spatial location engine and the database

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use the data from the completed dynamically generated application form to select at least one qualified vendor.

30. – 33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) A method for selecting a first party for a second party for engaging in a transaction, comprising:

means for entering a request identifying at least one criterion for a transaction by the second party through a network;

means for qualifying the first party to a set of minimum attributes;

means for identifying a qualified first party to engage in the transaction based on the at least one criterion;

means for providing an identification of the first and second parties to engage in the transaction.